

Why get involved in the Annual Public Budget Meetings?

The meetings inform you about the City of Detroit budget. You hear what City officials are proposing and can tell your priorities to them and to Mayor Kilpatrick. The meetings, which kick off our annual budget making process, are held each October in different neighborhoods.

Any Detroiter can participate by completing the enclosed survey and returning it to us, postage paid, or by completing the on-line survey at www.ci.detroit.mi.us. Or, come to the meeting and vote electronically using new handheld voting devices we will

What is most important to you, of all of the City's activities? You complete a survey rating the Mayor's overall priorities, your satisfaction with major services, and how you would spend tax money. If you tell us a little about yourself (your "demographics"), then we know if we're hearing from all Detroiters. The survey is a measure of how well City services are delivered, as well as a suggestion of where scarce City money should be spent in the upcoming year.

What differences have the meetings made?

In prior years, people who completed the survey have typically been active in their neighborhoods, and have been older than average Detroiters. These citizens have told us that:

- ? public safety is the number one priority
- ? full enforcement of laws regarding neighborhood maintenance is of primary concern
- ? they want more city–community cooperation, and want more information about services

All told, our youth surveys have reflected similar views.

Consistent with what we've learned in this process, **recent City budgets** have included:

- ? conversion of street lights to more modern and reliable technology
- ? accelerated demolition of dangerous buildings in our neighborhoods
- ? an increase in recreation programming, including more coordination of after-school programs
- ? reorganization of environmental code enforcement under a new stronger City Ordinance and a preventive public health approach

Through this process, countless citizens have gained information they need by attending the meetings, viewing them on Government Access Channel 10, or receiving the Informational Packet we produce about the major service departments.



The Spirit of Detroit has been the City of Detroit's symbol since it was created in 1956 by Marshall Fredericks.

The Budget Department arranges two meetings every fall for these 6 major tax-supported departments, in accordance with the City Charter:

FIRE DEPARTMENT *Tyrone Scott, Executive Fire Commissioner* (596-2901) – responsible for fire suppression and control; fire prevention and investigation; and emergency medical services

HEALTH DEPARTMENT *Judith West, Interim Deputy Director* (876-4302) – responsible for primary care at family health centers; drug and disease prevention, immunization, and health promotion; restaurant inspections and licenses; clinical support services; rodent and animal control; birth and death certificates

POLICE DEPARTMENT *Jerry Oliver, Chief of Police* (596-1800) – responsible for Precinct operations, criminal detection and prosecution.

PUBLIC LIGHTING DEPARTMENT *Mark Petty, Superintendent* (267-7260) – responsible for maintenance of the lighting system, electrical system and traffic signals; and steam power production

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT *Ulysses Burdell, Interim Deputy Director* (224-3901) – responsible for refuse collection and disposal; repairing and resurfacing city streets; vehicle management; design of streets, buildings and sidewalks; street cleaning; snow removal

RECREATION DEPARTMENT *Hurley Coleman, Jr., Director* (224-1123) – responsible for recreation centers and athletic leagues; forestry and landscaping of parks; Belle Isle and riverfront parks

In addition to the 6 major Departments, there are 23 agencies supported by general tax dollars in the City Budget.

Other agencies are “enterprises” relying mostly on their own revenue sources:

Tax-Supported Agencies:

Field Service:

Civic Center convention facility
Consumer Affairs
Cultural Affairs
Detroit Historical Museums
Detroit Zoological Institute
Environmental Affairs
Human Rights
Mayor’s Office & Neighborhood City Halls
Planning and Development
Senior Citizens
36th District Court of Michigan

Internal Staff Support:

Budget
Communication and Creative Services
Finance
Human Resources
Information Technology Services
Law

Legislative branch:

Auditor General
City Clerk
City Council
Detroit Election Commission
Ombudsman
Zoning Appeals Board

“Enterprise” Agencies:

City Airport
Buildings and Safety Engineering
Detroit Housing Commission
Detroit Public Library System
Municipal Parking
Detroit Department of Transportation
Detroit Water and Sewerage Department

Note: Arts, Employment & Training, and Human Services agencies are primarily funded by grants or contributions



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The Budget Department annually produces the *Mayor's Executive Budget*, the *Executive Budget Summary* and the *Mayor's Message* (in April), and the official "Redbook" budget, *Budget Highlights*, and *Budget-in-Brief* (in July). See www.ci.detroit.mi.us for downloadable files.
With questions, or to request information, please call Janet Anderson at 224-3879.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IN FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

PUBLIC Budget meetings are held to discuss major City department proposals	October 22 & 24, 2002
City AGENCIES submit to the Budget Department estimated requirements for each activity	December 2002
The BUDGET DIRECTOR holds hearings and provides estimates to the Mayor	February 2003
The MAYOR considers the budget through a series of hearings with departments and may revise or alter it	March 2003
The MAYOR presents his proposed Consolidated Plan to City Council for approval	April 2003
The MAYOR presents his Executive Budget to City Council in a public address	April 12, 2003
The CITY COUNCIL considers the budget transmitted by the Mayor through a series of hearings with each department, and with the public, and may revise it	May 2003
The CITY CLERK transmits Council's revisions to the Mayor for approval/rejection	May 2003
The MAYOR returns the budget to the City Council with his approval, or if he disapproves the whole or any items therein, with a statement of his reasons	May 2003
The CITY COUNCIL acts upon any items disapproved by the Mayor	June 2003
Begin City operations under the new control of the 2003-2004 Budget	July 1, 2003